

IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

U.S. CAR ACCIDENT STATISTICS (2018)



Automobile accidents are the **leading cause of death** among healthy U.S. citizens. Drivers who die from injuries are measured in the tens of thousands each year. Nearly **2.5 million are seriously hurt** or permanently disabled. The United States has more than 220 million licensed drivers, and a person risks their life every time they get into a car as a driver or passenger.

You can improve the odds for yourself, your passengers, and others. The solution is simple and doesn't cost a thing:

***Don't ever drive if you have consumed alcohol or
substances that will impair your abilities
If You Feel Different, You Drive Different***

Take a look at a [detailed Infographic](#) that summarizes auto accident statistics in the United States. The data is interesting, and we think it can be a highly useful guide to taking precautions and reducing the chances of getting involved in an accident. Even if you don't review the infographic, here are some numbers every driver should be aware of:

- There are nearly **40,000 fatal car accidents** per year in the U.S.
- More than **90 Americans die each day** in car accidents
- On average, **2 million drivers experience a permanent injury** every year
- The most common **causes of fatal accidents** are **drunk driving (40%)**, speeding (30%), and irresponsible driving (33%)
- Accidents involving only a **single vehicle** account for **58%** of deaths
- **38%** of deaths are a result of a collision
- Most fatal injuries happen during **weekends**
- Each year, more than **1,600 children** younger than 15 die in traffic accidents
- The cost of traffic accidents in the U.S. is estimated to be **\$871 billion** each year (Safer America)

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